

REMARKS/ARGUMENT**Request for Extension of Time:**

A Request for Extension of Time has been submitted herewith.

Regarding the Objections Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to withdraw the claim for priority based on U. S. patent application (now U.S. Patent 5,417,370). The claim for priority based on U. S. patent application Serial No. 08/269,342 (now U.S. Patent 5,653,390), is retained.

Regarding the Claims in General:

Claims 30-39 remain pending, claims 1-29 having previously been canceled. Claims 40-43 have been canceled without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuing application.

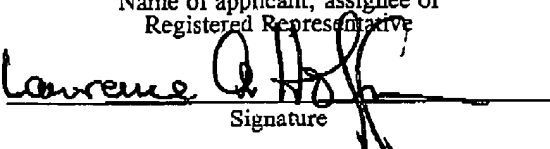
Regarding the Double Patenting Rejections:

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 30-39 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in view of U. S. patent 5,653,390, and claims 40-43 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in view of U. S. patent 5,417,370. To address these rejections relative to claims 30-39, a terminal disclaimer with respect to the '390 patent has been filed herewith. Claims 40-43 have been canceled, rendering the rejection thereof moot.

As the double patenting rejections are the only outstanding issues, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

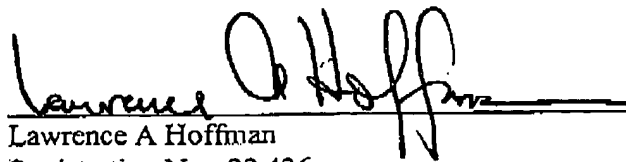
In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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